

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disposable diaper capable of being put on from either the front or the back of a wearer. The ratio of the minimum width  $W1$  of the crotch section to the whole width  $W2$  of the longitudinal end section having the fastening tapes is from 0.30 to 0.75.

5 The minimum width  $W1$  is in the area extending from the centerline across the diaper that divides the diaper length in two equal halves toward both the longitudinal end sections thereof by  $\pm 10\%$  of the total length of the diaper. The area ratio  $S1/S2$  is from 0.45 to 0.60, where  $S1$  is the area of each region surrounded by an imaginary straight line  $L1$ , an imaginary straight line  $L2$ , and each arched side edge of the crotch section,

10 and  $S2$  is the area of each region surrounded by the line  $L1$ , the line  $L2$ , and an imaginary straight line  $L3$ .